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Farmers harvest crop for Third World



THUNDERING START - Ross Ford and Westglen students break away from the starting line during the annual school Terry Fox Run, Friday. Although money is still being pledged, the schools say they have raised more than \$700 at this year's run. Didsbury High School also participated in the run but will not know how much was raised until later this week.

Fall heat sucks up Alberta wetlands

Hunting season expected to suffer

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Didsbury Review

An unseasonably hot September in this province will make waterfowl as scarce as the wetlands this year.

"We are seeing a perfect storm scenario that is making

things really poor from a waterfowl perspective," said Jonathon Thompson, biologist with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

"This will certainly impact those seeking good hunting opportunities in southern Alberta this season

Communities in the province, including Didsbury, were hit with a blast of desert heat this fall, making this one of the hottest season starts since 1938. And although we may have enjoyed temperatures six degrees higher than usual,

it only compounded problems with local wetlands.

According to Thompson, marches and swamps started to dry in 2008. There has been little moisture to replace the water since then and as a result Alberta has lost 19 per cent of its wetlands

With basins parched and cracked, waterfowl have been left without a place to breed, dwindling the numbers of birds in Alberta. Ducks Unlimited has seen a 22 per cent

drop in waterfowl, including a 14 per cent decrease in Mallard Ducks and 28 per cent fewer Northern Pintail.

"I could go on and on talking about the numbers of species impacted by this drought, which has made wetlands scarce," Thompson said.

The drought this year could impact the numbers of birds we see hatched next spring. With a dry fall season, there is usually a poor frost seal, so winter rain soaks into the ground instead of running off into ponds, bogs and other water bodies, Thompson said.

Environment Canada cli-

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JONATHON THOMPSON biologist Ducks Unlimited Canada

matologist, David Phillips, isn't sure conditions will improve over the winter. El Nino could hit Alberta this winter, making November, December and January

warmer and drier than years past.
"We are getting some conflicting reports saying El Nino could bring a warm and dry winter or that we could see a colder than usual winter. If the past is an indication of the future...El Nino will win out," Phillips said.

In the last 60 years, the Didsbury area has seen 17 winters where we got a blast of tropical pacific air; 13 of

those produced winters that were warm and four produced winters colder than usual. Ten El Nino weather sys-

tems created a drier than average atmosphere.

Thompson can only hope Alberta will see enough rain to eventually refill dry basins.

In the meantime "it's important we stress these wet-

lands be saved even though there is nothing in them right now. When they do re-flood, they will again become extremely productive areas for waterfowl."

With too little water and too few ducks, hunters could pick up the stakes and move to more favourable hunting grounds - like the American prairies.
"In North and South Dakota conditions were...biblical-

ly wet and waterfowl responded positively to that. There were about 13 million breeding ducks there, the highest number recorded in modern history," Thompson said.

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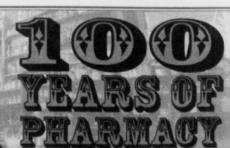
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Farmers combine crop for charity

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Twelve farmers broke away from their own crops last week to harvest one for Third World countries.

And for the first time ever, Larry Mullen was among them.

For years Mullen watched combines congregate on the hill above the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to harvest barley for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, an organization that sends aid overseas.

He wanted to join their ranks but until now it was never the right time

"I just finished harvesting my crop and I'm waiting on my canola, so I thought I'd come and help out," he said as he emptied kernels into a grain truck.

This is about giving a hand where it's needed. It's a great

Mullen was surprised at how few combines there were taking off the crop this year. There were five, where there usually are 10, although he's not complaining. Even with five, harvesting 100 acres of land went a lot faster than if he were

"It takes me about 10 hours to do a quarter section. Oh yea, this definitely speeds up the process," he said. From the road, Willard Stauffer, organizer, watched the coordinated effort of Mullen and other volunteers as they moved along rows of swathed barley.

It never ceases to amaze him how many farmers get togeththis time of year to harvest the charity crop when they have their own yield to collect.

"This shows the basic values of sharing...giving what we have to those who don't. It gives us farmers the chance to help people.

Eight years ago, Stauffer helped get this project rooted in the community with the belief the need for food and other aid overseas far exceeded that in his own region.

That's not to say there aren't hungry people in Mountain View County, just that the need seems more prevalent on the drought-ravaged plains of some countries and the dirty slums

"Here, neighbours seem to care for each other when times are tough. People don't need to go through an organization for help.

And if a farmer was sick or couldn't take his crop off or whatever, then he could depend on other farmers to get involved and harvest that field for him. It's what we do," he

Spectators came out Tuesday afternoon to see farmers col-



GROWING A GIFT - Barley is loaded for transport from one of five combine working to get a crop off the field east of Didsbury for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

lect nearly 8,000 bushels of barley. They are sandwiches and drank pop under the scorching heat of the sun, celebrating the end to a year-long project and watching with interest as five combines worked in concert.

All across Alberta fields like this one are being harvested

for unmet people around the globe.
"This is huge here. Harvest is a celebration of a finished project," said Terrance Barg, regional coordinator for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Each group of project organizers, like those in Didsbury, pends the year planting and maintaining this crop until the fall. Often everything to do with the crop is donated, from the land and seed to fuel and equipment, so farmers can afford to give the yield away

Harvesting the crop is an exciting event by the time September rolls around, Barg said.

'Anywhere from five to 25 combines come out. This year

Strathmore was going to break the world record with 100 combines out there, but their fields got hailed out," Barg said.

A lot of the crops were damaged by storms that ravaged Alberta over the summer and as a result there could be less revenue heading into the food bank this year.

'As farmers, we realize that this is all part of the farming kind of life and we will take whatever donations are there,

Ninety per cent of what's raised after the harvest is converted into cash and put towards programs overseas that either give out food to the hungry or help with sustainable projects, such as agriculture instruction and irrigation systems

Over 13,000 acres of crop will be taken off fields in Canada this year on 207 grow sites. Every dollar local farmers raise when they sell the crop, the government will match fourfold. Last year, just under \$49 million was pipelined from Canada to 76 countries worldwide

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Dr. Brunner is opening a practice in family medicine and has special interest and expertise in women's health including bio-identical hormones. pediatrics, obesity, and chronic disease.

She will be joined in Didsbury with her husband Heinie, an engineer in the oil and gas industry and her two beautiful kids Hein and Mario.

You can book an appointment with Dr. Brunner by calling the clinic at (403) 335-8895

Read the Didsbury Review Where Classifieds Get Results

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BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Globes light up museum

When Shirley Dorin thinks about the globes shining in the museum hall, her face lights up. "They are so beautiful," she said. "It is so great that we were able to transfer something

like this from one historical building to another."

Gary Wiens, steward of the former church near the post

office, donated six period globes to the Didsbury Museum in June

Directors of the museum saw the fixtures and knew they'd be perfect additions to their building.

"These are so unique. We went through catalogues looking for schoolhouse lights, but nothing would keep the charm and integrity of the building like these do," sai Frankie Kelly, also a director of the museum committee.

Three lights have already been strung from copper chains in the main entranceway.

Museum electrician Gary Griffiths put up these fixtures using a \$125,000 Community Facilities Enhancement grant the museum received this year to revamp the historical building

Showcase Didsbury a smashing success

Over 200 people strolled between booths and chomped

down on free food last week at Showcase Didsbury.
This annual event brings all the community se groups in Didsbury to one arena for people to browse. There are opportunities to join clubs, volunteer at events and learn about town offerings

It was very successful. A lot of organizations comment ed on how busy things were with people going through," said Jolene Leutschaft, co-ordinator of the event.

Fifty-five booths were set up at the annual information ur, which is down five from last year. Though, the crowds trickling into the curling rink is on par with years

Nick Baran, manager of the Didsbury Curling Club, was one of the organizations that displayed his group

Thursday evening.

It was the club's hope to sway people to sign up for the

Charities speak out on casino review

part.

in their designated area, one of eight casino regions in the

province. Proceeds from

to the charities that took

As fair as that may sound,

We get \$20,000 every two

'It would really help if (the

model) was improved and the province pooled all the

money from the regions together before dividing it

The casino night is the Elks' largest fundraiser and it

helps pay for their building downtown. Without the money, there would be no

space for the community to

As it is, the group is having

a hard time stretching its dol-

lars between the years it waits for the next casino

night. Like the curling club it used to hold casino days

every 18 months, now it will

casino event ranges through-

out the province from 16 to

wait nearly three years. Depending on present boundaries, the waitlist for a

33 months.

for the

years but organizations in the Calgary region get \$80,000 or \$90,000 and that's where it becomes unfair," said Dave Franz, casino chairperson

treasurer

Didsbury Elks.

use, Franz said.

organizations are frustrated some casino regions are handing out bigger bundles

of cash than others.

games and machines are pooled region-ally and paid out equally

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Didsbury Revi

When the Didsbury Curling Club started cashing in on casino fundraisers, it could rake in \$25,000 in two days.

There's no other event where you can make that money in just two days and could hold one every 18 months," said Stephen Luft, casino chairperson for the curling club.

But as more groups clamoured to get in on the big-dol-lar action, the longer the local sport group had to wait its turn. Now it takes up to three years for it to hold a fundrais er at one of Red Deer's casi-

The curling club is only one of hundreds of charities and sport groups in Alberta frus-trated with long wait times

and pooling of proceeds.

In the last two years, the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission has collected 125 letters of complaint, which prompted a threemember government committee to review the charitable gaming model.

These charities earn revenue from casinos to support their many worthwhile ca es and we want to help ensure the charitable casino model and gaming proceeds continue to serve the best interest of these groups," said Fred Lindsay, solicitor general and minister responsible for the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

There are 30 charities and sport groups in Didsbury elievent and 6.972 organizations provincewide

Volunteers from each

"The show was worthwhile...we had quite a bit of interest. We have approximately three to four new teams from this show," he said.

Teenagers called on to volunteer

Lorelle Neill, a 17-year-old Didsbury High School stu-dent, has been bringing smiles to the faces of hospital residents for the last four years.

She is encouraging her classmates to do the same

The local hospital is seeking volunteens as young as 13 years old to spend one night a week with seniors and nursing staff.

The hospital really does need help. Volunteens do the small things nurses don't have time for: feeding people before their food gets cold, serving coffee and tea and visiting with residents so they don't get lonely," Neill

For the first time, the hospital is offering teenagers the chance to adopt a grandparent. Volunteers are assigned two patients they are responsible for each week.

Dawna Faryna, volunteer co-ordinator for the hospital,

says her patients enjoy the connection with the commu-nity they get through visiting with youth.

It is also hoped this program will keep teens commit-ted to the volunteering.

"At the beginning of the year we get lots of interest but we can't retain teens for the year...they lose their inter-

Volunteering at the hospital can be used for school credits, resumes and scholarships. There is a \$300 scholarship offered to graduates interested in medical studies. Neill hopes to scoop up the dollars this year as she begines her studies in forensic science.





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A review that would look at recommending shorter wait periods between events is welcoming and the Didsbury Elks plan to be in Red Deer on October 9 or 10 to voice favour for change

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A GREAT FIT - Sierra Tolhurst measures up a gymnastics bodysuit she will use for the Didsbury Gymnastics Club she joined during Showcase Didsbury, Thursday night





Lee Stevens, right, of Richard Automotive has completed his Journeyman Automotive Technician. Lee travels to Three Hills daily from his home in Didsbury. He started his apprenticeship in Didsbury and followed with three years at Richard Automotive

Lee has placed 6th in the province in Provincial Skills. Also pictured is Brian Richard of Richard Automotive.



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Health-care war rages on

DAN SINGLETON

The ongoing war over the future of Alberta's health-care system has taken vet another troubling turn with news that long-term care beds may be the next battleground.

The uncertainty created by this latest revelation has understandably created widespread concern among West Central Alberta residents of all ages, and among seniors in particular.

According to a leaked document released by the opposition NDP, the Stelmach Tories plan to axe thousands of long-term care beds, mostly occupied by elderly patients who require heightened medical

"I have not seen a deception like this in 20 years that I have been involved in politics," said NDP Leader Brian Mason "It is unconscionable. What will happen is that seniors who need long-term care. who need a high level of care, will end up in assisted living, where they don't get that care. And everything they need, from their drugs to any nursing care to their furniture, they have to pay for separately."

In response, Premier Ed Stelmach has been quick to say that no firm plans have been made regarding the beds - and that Albertans will simply need to wait to see what the government plans to do.

This troubling uncertainty about long-term care beds comes on the heels of several other recent developments that have also raised concerns.

For example, Alberta Health Services (AHS), which operates wholly under the direction of the Stelmach government, is currently conducting an extensive review of all rural hospitals in the

The Tories have not ruled out downgrading or closing hospitals in Olds, Didsbury, Sundre, Innisfail or anywhere else in the province. As with long-term care beds, the government's message here also seems to be wait and see

A similar review of helipads at rural hospitals is also underway.

As well, the recent introduction of a new AHS Code of Conduct that prohibits health-care workers from speaking out about health system concerns has lead to widespread discontent among many health workers

In a related vein, the United Nurses of Alberta, representing thousands of registered nurses, has launched a formal complaint against AHS CEO Dr. Stephen Duckett, saying he has failed to maintain acceptable standards of "ethics and integrity"

With so much uncertainty surrounding the health system these days is it any wonder that residents everywhere are starting to question what in the world the Stelmach Tories are doing?

In these uncertain economic times, the multi-front health-care war now raging is anything but comfort-

Perhaps Premier Stelmach and his ministers need to be reminded yet again that they are in office to serve the interests of all Albertans - and not to dismantle or unduly disrupt the vital health-care sys-



Commentary

AHS justifies care changes

KEN HUGHES

A hospital is not a home. It is a place to go when you or your family have an urgent need. It is the place where professionals, trained to provide acute care, can provide the best care possi-ble. When that need has been met, the best place to provide continuing care is in the community. Every day between 350 and 400 patients are waiting in hospital in major cities in Alberta for a bed in supportive living, long-term care or at home where they can be supported by home care. They are not getting the best care we can provide them. We are going to change that. Decisions regarding individual placement are best left in the hands of medical professionals. But I will challenge the critics of Alberta Health Services' community and acute care plan who say that when these patients are transferred into the community they are getting a lower quality of care. Aside from being disrespectful of the professionals who provide community care, it ignores what medical leaders say. It is simply not true to allege an inappropriate level of care is provided community spaces, and I invite them to leave those decisions – as we do – to the people who are focused on patients, not personal or political agendas.

If that's not enough, ask the people who are in those hospital beds where would rather be. Surveys show that most of the people who are wait-ing in hospitals say they would much rather have care closer to home. Hospitals exist to meet acute care needs. They are busy, high intensity, and often noisy.

the need is urgent and immediate, but not otherwise. When acute care needs have been met, community beds allow our patients to retain their independence and increase their comfort while still receiving the top-quality care they require.

That's why AHS will move forward now with an accelerated expansion of community living options this year and over the next three years. It will create close to 800 new beds.

Our critics have suggested we are closing acute care beds. That is inac-curate. Those beds were actually not available to be used for acute hospital care because they were occupied folks who should have been provided more appropriate seniors' care elsewhere. We are actually adding 60 beds to the acute care capacity, at first in the emergency department. Then, we have hundreds of other beds to add to the acute capacity as we need them.

There's a long list of facilities where we're adding capacity. They are ready and, like us they want to move quickly. Some of them are run by groups like Covenant Health in Edmonton or other faith based organizations that run long-term care, designated as ed living and other supportive living environments. Some are run by private care providers, as has been the case for many years. There are lots of participants in this plan to ensure that we have the right spaces available.

Forty hospital beds in Calgary and 20 in Edmonton will be used to help ease emergency department pres sures. Our critics conveniently ignore that point. Why?

No matter, we are focused on patients. We want to ensure that emergency departments function better. We

are determined to crack this problem. reduce wait times and reduce the number of people that are being held in emergency departments.

There will be adjustments over time The staffing mix for long-term care and supportive living is different from what's needed in an acute care hospital. But this plan meets the real needs of patients, and gives us a better balce of hospital and community beds.

There are some savings attached to this but that's because we're spending smarter. We're actually addressing a long-term issue that's never been effectively addressed.

Small changes will not have the impact we need, but we know we have a serious problem here with hundreds of Albertans in the wrong place - in hospitals. We are making a deep commitment to create more capacity in the community so the whole system bene

This problem did not arise overnight and it will not be solved overnight, but we cannot continue to ignore it, particularly since the baby boomer popula-tion continues to age. We need to solve this now and invest in the community living spaces year after year for decade to come.

Yes, this plan will save us money, but it's not just about that. Sure it's about efficiency and making the best use of resources - but at its core it's also about people. It's about providing our patients with the best care possible. Period.

I invite all Albertans to support our plan to get our health-care services on the right track for the long term.

Ken Hughes

Chair, Alberta Health Services Board

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

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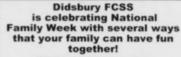
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Friday, Oct. 2 to Sunday, Oct. 4

Calling all hockey players from tykes, novice atom and peewee ages to register for an exciting weekend at the Memorial Complex. Prizes for everyone, including a swim pass, T-shirt, mini hockey stick and free admission to Colts action. There is a team charge. Contact the Centre customer desk at (403) 335-7369.

Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4

Didsbury Minor Hockey is hosting a referee clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Didsbury High School.

Monday, Oct. 5

Curling Club registration will start at 6 p.m. upstairs in the curling rink. All league reps will be present to give you all the details. New residents to the town and districts most welcome.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

The Didsbury and District Health Services Auxiliary will start its meeting at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. New members always welcome

Wednesday, Oct. 7

There are always lots of things to do in the winter. Have you thought of square dancing? You don't have to have any previous dance experi-ence. This fun evening is held at the Evergreen Centre in Olds. Please phone Edna, (403) 556-6054 for all the details; also (403) 507-3735. You will enjoy meeting new people, the exercise and coffee and chatting.

Thursday, Oct. 8

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Friday, Oct. 9

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You are most welcome to come and join in the games, have coffee and goodies, and visit.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Hopefully you have registered with Jim and Fay Smith so that the floor curling season can start today. Their number is (403) 335-2240.

Same with the carpet bowling at the 5-0 Club on Monday and Friday mornings. Phone Joyce at (403) 335-2861, or Mona at (403) 335-0085. This starts on Friday, October 16.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

There will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the 5-0 Club, starting at 12:30 p.m. The turkey is supplied; please bring vegetables, salad or dessert, and

Saturday, Oct. 31

Please circle this date on your calendar. The Didsbury Ag Society will be holding the annual Christmas craft sale in the Multi-purpose Room at the Complex from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be available. To rent a table, phone Laura at (403) 335-4252.

Town believes in True Sport

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Town officials are taking action to reform sport in the wake of what they call "issues" of unruly spectator behav-iour and poor sportsmanship.

Earlier this month, council joined True Sport, a social movement geared to eliminate aggressive spectator behav-iour, cheating and bullying in sport.

The program will allow councillors to promote positive ethics by championing good conduct and leading by exam-

That means you can expect town employees sitting in on games to be on their best behaviour.

"They joining is a powerful message in itself. They are showing everyone they believe in positive sport," said

Rosemary Pitfield, spokesperson for True Sport.

Didsbury will be among 1,700 communities, schools and port teams across Canada who belong to the movement that's geared to keep games fun.

Town councillors hope once other sport teams see they

support strong values in athletics, they will sign up too.
"There is a need for the town to express a philosophy that demonstrates the need for good sportsmanship and role modelling for adults," said Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury.

"If everyone got on board and practised...True Sport, we wouldn't have (the) issues we've had in the past.

He wouldn't elaborate on the issues that prompted the town to adopt the social policy, though in a public document administration cited problems with Didsbury minor hockey

"When council members consider the issues that council has had to become involved in relative to minor hockey, if minor hockey and every parent subscribed to these same principles, the issues would become non-issues," the docu-

Brown wouldn't explain what "issues" the town was involved in, just saying "people who use the town facilities are having an impact on other people's use of town facili-

Vice-president of the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association,

Jim Smith, thinks a philosophy promoting positive ethics in sport is a great idea and one they may have adopted if they didn't already belong to a movement of their own.

Fair Play, which upholds zero tolerance for rude spectators and poor sportsmanship, has been guiding minor hockey teams "for years."

This fall, the organization tweaked the program to give it sharper teeth as to deter any misbehaviour. The changes to disciplinary measures have parents and participants sign a

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ROY BROWN

chief administrative officer for the Town of Didsbury form agreeing to abide by Fair Play principles. If those rules are flouted, the association has the power to dole out consequences that best fit the offence. Previously the organization had to follow a three-strike policy that would increase the stage of punishment the more offences a person commit-

So with a program of its own and increased efforts to promote positive sport, Smith wonders why the town used minor hockey as a reason for signing onto True Sport.

"I don't understand where the town is coming from on

this...it's a little bit disturbing that minor hockey has been ingled out It's also not good for the leagues' reputations. Hockey

already has a bad rap for rowdy spectators, even though it's no better or worse than other sports children are involved in, Smith said.

Smith and Jason Brander, a member of the minor hockey sociation and town councillor, talked with administration about singling out hockey and was told it was unintentional.

"It wasn't the way it was meant to be portrayed...there are ituations in all sports," Brander said.

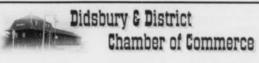
As for the town looking to get minor hockey to follow True Sport guidelines, Brander says he is not sure administration as aware the association already had a policy.
"But just because it's a duplicate system doesn't mean

nor hockey won't endorse it. I mean, why not?

"If it stops one person, or one player or one coach from doing something negative, that's what we want to do.







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Small Business Week Awards Nomination Criteria NOMINATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 9TH, 2009

Small Business of the Year

- 1. Currently own or operate a Licensed Business in Didsbury;
- 2. Demonstrate Community involvement;
- 3. Shall not have received the award within the last 5 years;
- Have been in business for at least 3 years;

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New Business/New Owner Category - In business no less than 18 months but less than 3 yrs.

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Please deliver completed nomination form to Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness or Didsbury Chamber Office.

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HITTING THE HOLE - Didsbury Dragons' running back Colby Freeborn uses the blocks from his teammates to break into open field during Saturday's game against the Carstairs Tigers.

Dragons torch Tigers for triumph

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The Didsbury Dragons tore into the Carstairs Tigers

in a hard-fought game, Saturday.

The first quarter was a defensive battle the Dragons won with one field goal giving them a three-point

In the second quarter, the Dragons had the wind to their back and were able to make a few long passes for two touchdowns by running back Colby Freeborn and wide receiver James Lefebvre.

Before the end of the half Carstairs clawed back with a 40 yard run, scoring their first touchdown of the sea-son. The momentum didn't last long as Freeborn took a punt return back for a touchdown in the second quarter and Lefebvre scored the last touchdown of the

afternoon with another long pass.

The game ended with a 30-6 scoreline in favour of the

The game was very clean and hard fought. The only difference between us and (the Tigers) was we were able to connect on our passing game and they weren't, said Dragons head coach, Mark Lefebvre

Since the beginning of the season, the local players "have really matured and are coming into their own."

One such example of that is rookie Zach Creighton, who snagged the first interception of the season.
"It felt pretty good," Creighton said.

"I just started playing football this year." Call it an initiation into one of the top teams in the league. The other players dumped a bottle of Gatorade on him to celebrate the feat.

This is a huge deal. Many players wait their whole four years and never get an interception," Lefebvre

This Saturday the Dragons again face the JC Charyk



HANGING TIGHT - Kyle Block keeps a solid grip on the ball as Carstairs tacklers try to rip it from his grasp.

Hawks on the gridiron and it's expected to be a tight

At the beginning of the season, the Dragons squared off against the Hawks and lost 44-20. This round. Lefebvre believes his team can trump the high-flyers.

"I know we'll provide a bigger challenge this time. We will go in there and find a way to win," Lefebvre

I think our passing game is our best strength, so we'll have to pass a fair amount to stop their running game, which is their strength.

With playoffs just around the corner a win against the Hawks Oct. 3 or Sundre Bison Oct. 10 will secure the Dragons a home field advantage

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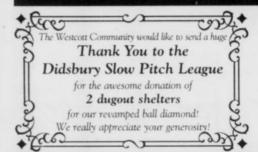
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Preschool opens again

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Didsbury Review

The preschool saga came to an end Saturday, as the community celebrated the grand opening of the new building.

This is a dream come true...I honestly didn't think we'd get this done in time," said Crawford, teacher. Cherrie

Fifty-two kids flocked to the one-room preschool Sept. 23, just three months after the original building was demolished. The school celebrated the new structure on September 26 with food and speeches

The old preschool, built in 1936 near the corner of 23rd Street and 18th Avenue was taken down

after a Calgary Health Region inspector visiting in 2007 told staff changes would have to be made There were large cracks in the foundation and the roof sagged.

'We'd walk in every day and see something else falling apart. It was really starting to worry us, Crawford said.

She and the rest of the Didsbury Preschool Society realized, as the health inspector did, that changes would indeed have to be made and no simple touch-ups either. The entire buildig would have to be torn down and rebuilt into something larger and more structurally sound.

The community really pulled together to make this happen. A lot don't even have children who go here and they still helped," aid Erin Enns, member of the preschool society.

As soon as the town learned of the need for a new preschool, people and businesses began to step forward. Crawford recalls two young children who

gave the society a month's worth of allowance. They were former students of the

like AG Businesses. Foods and A Gallery of Floors, also stepped up to donate cash and supplies to the project. A Gallery of Floors owner, Shaun Waite recently tore up a bill totalling \$4,800 for flooring his crew put down in the structure.

"If it wasn't for community spirit, we wouldn't have this preschool," Crawford said to a crowd of 20, gath-ered to mark the opening of new preschool, Saturday.

Richard Marz was among the people at the event. It was a \$49,000 Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant that jumpstarted construction for the preschool last June.

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After a courageous battle with cancer, our mother, grand-mother, and sister, Louise Walroth of Didsbury, passed

away on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the age of 66 years. Louise was born at Madden, Alberta and attended the local schools of Summit Hill and Westbrook, as well as Lindsay Thurber High School in Red Deer. She married Mervin Walroth in 1961. They lived their married life and raised their family in the Carstairs, Madden and Cremona communities. Louise received her LPN Certificate in 1988 and worked the next 20 years in nursing service in Didsbury Hospital, retiring in 2008. She enjoyed Didsbury Hospital, retiring in 2008. She enjoyed reading, curling, and hiking with her co-worker friends, nurses from the hospital. She was also an avid volunteer with the Cremona Fire Department for several years and was an active member of the Lioness Club. She was predeceased by her parents, Irene (1982) and Bud Gano (1987), her husband, Mervin, in 2000, her brother, Earl, in 2007, and her granddaughter, Elenor Rigsby, in 2009. Louise is survived by her sons: Martin (Kathleen) of Carstairs, Clark (Marylou) of Peterborough, Ont., Lorne (Patti) of Calgary, and daughter, Marie (Jason) Rigsby of Beiseker, and her grandchildren: Kyle, Nichole, Luke, Melissa, Jayson, Levi and Carly. She is also leaves her sister, Marjorie (Peter) Holstein, and brothers, Neil (Yvonne) Gano, and Don (Judy) Gano, and brothers/sisters-in law Dennis Gano, and brothers/sisters-in law Dennis Walroth, Shirley (Les) Burston, Rosemary (Ralph) Anhorn, Fay (Ian) Sandercock, Jim (Daphne) Walroth, Ken (Gail) Walroth, Keith (Maxine) Walroth, Christine (Archie) Richardson, Bernice Mork, and Leon (Sue) Walroth. Our family wishes to thank everyone Wairoth. Our family wishes to thank everyone who was a part of our mother's life and especially family and friends for their support during this difficult time. A private family Graveside Service will be held at Crossfield Cemetery, Crossfield, Alberta on Friday, September 25th, at 11:00AM. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Cremona Congregational Church, Cremona, Alberta on Friday. September 25th at 2:00PM. Alberta on Friday, September 25th at 3:00PM. A lunch will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve of Canada, 2185 Ocean Terrace Road, PO Box 280, Ucluelet, British Columbia, VOB 340. Columbia, VOR 3A0.

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